

Sangamon Valley LEPC

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AGENDA

November 21, 2013

8:30 AM

Office of the State Fire Marshal
1035 Stevenson Drive
Springfield, IL 62703

Meeting Called to Order by David Butt, Chairman

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (09/19/2013)

Self-introductions

Recognition of LEPC Members

Welcome to Visitors

Old Business

Safety Data Sheets

Tier 2 Reports for Drinking Water and Waste Water Treatment Sites

Possible Hazardous Materials Exercises at Williamsville and Riverton

Hazardous Material Emergency Planning Grant (FFY2013 and FFY2014)

Report on Emergency Planning Project (FFY2013 and FFY2014)

New Business

Contracting with a new Independent Planner for the LEPC

Severe Weather Outbreak on November 17

Animals in Disasters

Winter Weather Preparedness Week in Illinois

Business Old or New

Other Business Old or New

Public Comment

Next regular meeting: January 16, 2014, at the Office of the State Fire Marshal

Motion to adjourn

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MINUTES OF THE SANGAMON VALLEY LEPC MEETING – November 21, 2013

Call to Order - The Chair, David Butt, called the meeting to order at 8:34 am, at the State Fire Marshal's Office Auditorium, 1035 Aldai Stevenson Drive, Springfield IL 62703.

There was a quorum with 13 members present: John Brennan, Village of Williamsville; David Butt, Sangamon County Office of Emergency Management; Roger Cruse, Ameren Illinois; Glenn Fischer, American Red Cross (ARC); Tracy Garrison, Sangamon County GIS; Larry Graf, Menard County EMS; Stephanie Howard, Memorial Medical Center; Joe Kloba, Sangamon County 9-1-1; Pat Metz, City Water, Light and Power (CWLP); Dick Rentschler, MABAS Division 48; Bill Russell, Sangamon County Rescue Squad; Diana Wade, Sangamon County Department of Public Health (SCDPH) and Linda Wheeland, Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission.

Approval of the Minutes - Minutes from the LEPC meeting of September 19, 2013, were distributed via e-mail prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Tracy Garrison, seconded by Pat Metz and approved unanimously to accept these minutes.

Introductions - Self-introductions were made by the members in attendance. Five visitors were present: Kurt Banks, Springfield Police Department; Jeph Bassett, Springfield Fire Department; Ralph Long, IL Air National Guard (ANG); Jeff Regan, ARC; and Beth Skeeters, retired past member.

Old Business

Safety Data Sheets – Pat Metz gave a presentation on HazCom 2012, including an impact which we will see as chemical manufacturers replace Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) with Safety Data Sheets (SDS). The first impact is 10 days away. By December 1, 2013, employers must train employees on how to read an SDS which will be more uniform based on international standards. Employees need to understand where to find information on the SDS, especially in section 2, where critical hazard information is located. There will be 16 elements to an SDS. Other key dates are June 1, 2015, when manufacturers are required to be using SDS and June 1, 2016, when employers should be fully compliant with HazCom 2012, including completed training of employees on any newly identified chemical hazards and updating SDS libraries at the workplaces. The Community Right-to-Know Act requires our LEPC to have the MSDS for all chemicals identified in Tier 2 Reports filed with us and with filings made in 2014 and 2015, we will see MSDS being replaced by SDS.

Tier 2 Reports for Drinking Water and Waste Water Treatment Sites – The Chair and Larry Graf spoke about efforts to get our final three Tier 2 Reports for Chlorine that we know is being stored at village water and waste water treatment sites. Both credited Lori Canterbury at IEMA for her offers of assistance with Riverton, Athens and Greenvew. Each now has access to the state's electronic filing system. The Chair is aware that Riverton has six 100-pound cylinders of Chlorine at its sewer plant, but has not seen a completed Tier 2 Report yet for this site.

Possible Hazardous Materials Exercises at Williamsville and Riverton – A member of Riverton Area Fire Protection District (RAFPD) is seeking a professional certification which requires a lead role in an exercise. The Chair encouraged him to consider a scenario involving Chlorine at the sewer plant. If the scenario has a transportation component, such as a release during delivery by the chemical supplier, the LEPC may be able to use HMEP grant funds for reimbursing RAFPDP on some supplies used up or items needing to be purchased specifically for the exercise. John Brennan has been tasked by his mayor to conceive of an exercise scenario at Williamsville involving an Ammonia release, recognizing that the village has a Brandt Consolidated facility adjacent to one of its residential neighborhoods. During the summer, John and the Chair toured this Brandt site and saw how stable the 30,000 gallon storage tank is. However, the site has over 40 nurse tanks taking product to local farmers, which creates a vulnerability attached to a transportation component of the operation. The committee will be informed if either of these potential exercises moves forward next year.

Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) Grant – In FFY2012, the value of our grant was \$32,750, mostly in payments to Matt Helms. When Matt became ill and passed away this year, we left over half of our FFY2013 grant allocation unspent. Our grant administrator at IEMA is aware of the circumstances and hopes to be able to justify a substantial award to us in FFY2014, so that we can revitalize our planning project. Grant agreements from the state for the federal funds originating at U.S. Department of Transportation are still being developed.

Report on the Emergency Planning Project – Beth Skeeters, who is now retired from ANG, met with the Chair after our September LEPC meeting with an offer to volunteer with the emergency planning project. She has worked on the plans for the 183d Fighter Wing and CWLP and met again with the Chair to discuss the future of this project.

New Business

Contracting with a new Independent Planner – Since our last meeting, the Chair spoke with several LEPC members representing the facilities and fire elements of our membership about hiring Beth for the planner role and received favorable feedback. A motion was made by Bill Russell and seconded by Tracy Garrison to hire Beth Skeeters as Independent Planner for the LEPC with a pay scale identical to what we paid last year (\$210 for a new facility site visit, \$210 for a new plan and \$200 for a plan update) and reimbursement for travel at the state rate (currently \$.565 per mile). Discussion on this topic ensued. The question was called and approved unanimously. As part of the discussion, Pat spoke of working with Beth for several hours to identify updates needed in the CWLP plan. The Chair was able to assure Pat the motion just passed would compensate Beth for her time spent when the update is completed. A motion was made by Pat Metz, seconded by Glenn Fischer and approved unanimously that Beth Skeeters should also receive travel reimbursement at the state rate for any mileage she drove prior to today while volunteering for the planning project.

Severe Weather Outbreak on November 17 – This item was added to the agenda on Monday morning after the round of tornadoes that struck Illinois on Sunday, leading to the loss of six lives. Representatives of Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) often attend our meetings. We know that IEMA staff is very busy right now assisting with preliminary damage assessment of these storms. We were fortunate in our planning district that we had little or no damage, but other areas of central Illinois were struck. Jeff Regan just returned from Gifford, IL (Champaign Co.) and spoke of ARC activities to assist the community of 1,000 people, which was half destroyed. Glenn Fischer covers 17 counties for ARC and none were severely affected, but still our Capital Area Chapter held a telethon yesterday that raised over \$35,000 to assist the response by other ARC chapters. Roger Cruz just returned from Washington, IL (Woodford Co.) and spoke of Ameren's activities toward restoring electricity in affected areas and the mutual aid of other utilities that are assisting. He had previously seen the aftermath of 3 other tornadoes and none had devastation like that brought upon Washington. Tracy Garrison met with state GIS officials yesterday was able to see aerial fly-over imagery from the tornado paths that was obtained on Monday.

Winter Weather Preparedness Week – It is always observed this week – the full week before Thanksgiving. This year Winter Weather Preparedness Week began with spring-like storms. Some years, Severe Weather Preparedness Week during March has had ice storms. With upcoming holiday travel, the Chair encouraged all members, as “emergency planners”, to be prepared for the upcoming season. Glenn told us about phone apps from the ARC for early warning of severe weather and that we could find valuable information on winter weather at <http://www.redcross.org/news/article/Red-Cross-Winter-Weather-Safety-Tips>. The Chair praised our LEPC partnership with ARC and another partner, National Weather Service, represented by Billy Ousley in our membership.

Animals in Disasters – CWLP was notified of a planning effort by the Illinois Humane Society to develop an Animals in Disasters plan for this region of central Illinois, which Pat shared with the Chair. Diane Wade said that SCDPH has already attended meetings on this topic. If anyone else from the committee has an interest in this topic, they should contact the Chair for contact information to the planning group.

Other Business

Meeting Closure – The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for 8:30 am, January 16, 2014, at the Office of the State Fire Marshal. There being no further business, a motion was made by Stephanie Howard, seconded by Linda Wheeland and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 am.